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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BATARSEH *et al.*)

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Application No.: 09/761,561) Group Art Unit: 1616

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Filed: January 17, 2001) Examiner: Frank Choi

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For: MICROBICIDAL FORMULATIONS AND METHODS TO CONTROL MICROORGANISMS

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

April 14, 2003

Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated January 14, 2003, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response, thus making the response due on or before April 14, 2003.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

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1. (Twice Amended) A microbicidal composition comprising at least one disinfectant and a complex of the formula R-M, wherein R is at least one organic chelating moiety and M is at least one metal ion, and where R is present in an at least equimolar amount based on the amount of M, and M is microbicidal to at least one microorganism, wherein said at least one organic chelating moiety is an amino acid, wherein said amino acid includes a double bonded oxygen, and wherein said double bonded oxygen of said amino acid is complexed to M at a pH of about 2 or less.
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